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Applicant : Rolf Buckner, et al.
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A CLOSING SYSTEM

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Commissioner:

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1-12. The following claims 1-12 are pending in the application.

1. (Amended) A device for opening wings of a motor vehicle, comprising:

an exterior handle mounted on an exterior skin of the motor vehicle and loaded with spring force, and

a closing system fixed inside a bodywork space of the motor vehicle,